

## **Gilbert H. Prince**

In 1912 he was the second to graduate from UNB with a BScF, after completing his early education in Hammond River and Saint John, New Brunswick. He was hired as the first forester in the British Columbia Forest Service but returned to his native New Brunswick as Director of Forest Surveys to complete the first survey of Crown Lands in 1917.

The remainder of his forestry career was spent with the New Brunswick forestry department where he became the first Chief Forester of New Brunswick in 1917. Noted accomplishments in his long career are listed as: Drafting of the Forest Fires Act; Establishment of the New Brunswick Forest Service; initiating the Fire Tower protection system in 1918 at Mount Hope; helping to draft the scalars Act in 1921. He served as Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines from 1924 to 1952.

Other highlights of his career in forestry were: Chairman of the NB Pulpwood Advisory Committee; member of the first board of Directors of the Maritime Forest Ranger School; Director of the Maritime Lumber Bureau, Canadian Forestry Association and National Research Council; Vice President of the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers. He received an honorary Doctor of Science from UNB in 1944.

He is recognized here as a pioneer of forestry in New Brunswick, second forestry graduate from UNB, civil servant extraordinaire in his pursuit of his protection for and accounting of the products from our renewable resources.